

**S.M.I.L.E. BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012; SMILE STATION**

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Officers and Directors present: President Mat Millenbach, Treasurer Pat Hainley, and Secretary Eric Norberg; and Directors Stan Hoffman, Nate Maki, Sarah Heath, Nancy Walsh, Michael Hayes, Dana Beck, and Tom Ramsey

President Mat Millenbach called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm, observing that a quorum was present. He began by asking those present to introduce themselves to the SMILE members in attendance, and then asked the Board to approve the agenda; Nate Maki moved the agenda be approved, Pat Hainley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Mat then asked for a review of the minutes of the March 21st Board meeting. Stan Hoffman moved that the minutes be accepted as submitted; Sarah Heath seconded the motion; the motion carried without dissent.

Tina Osterink began the meeting by reporting on the latest Springwater Corridor "Sellwood Gap" charette, held just before the Board meeting by our S.N.A.C. Committee. She showed a detailed wall map of the "Sellwood Gap" section of interest. Themes studied were: Food forests, historical interpretive artifacts, gateways and crossings, "String of Pearls" concept, and "Snack Train". 13 overarching goals have been identified. A third charette is now planned, to focus in on the identified items; it will be in the week of May 8th -- the specific date to be determined. There followed some general "Q and A", about the details of the suggestions received so far, from members of the Board. No action taken at this time.

Diana Richardson, SMILE property owner, appeared before the Board to discuss her own proposed Tacoma Street design concept for the point at which the east end of the new Sellwood Bridge will interface with Tacoma Street at S.E. 6th Avenue. It is her view that the officially-announced plan is too wide at that point, which would not only excessively impact her own properties on both sides of Tacoma Street at 6th, but would encourage drivers to exit the bridge too fast eastbound at that intersection. Her plan, she suggested, would slow down incoming traffic from the bridge as it enters Tacoma Street, and would also provide a better entrance to the neighborhood. The plan is incorporated into the minutes by reference. No action taken.

Dana Beck then offered an update on the activities of the SMILE History Committee. He presented a list of 18 activities this year. He suggested including a two-panel walking map of the neighborhood in the next local MapClicks map. He then made a

motion that SMILE allocate \$200 from the future profits of the planned 2013 SMILE Historic Calendar to this project. Nancy Walsh seconded the motion. Eric Norberg pointed out that the current MapClicks map was sprung belatedly on the SWBA, which was planning and distributed their own neighborhood map, and urged that SWBA be "in the loop" if we propose to support a competing map in this way; Dana assured that the business association would be "in the loop" on this plan. The question was called, and the motion carried with one abstention.

President Millenbach brought up the matter of the current review and renewal of all liquor licenses east of the river and south of Burnside. If there are issues to consider concerning individual licensed businesses within this area at this time, they should be submitted to OLCC. Our letter concerning issues involving the "Blush Gentleman's Club" on McLoughlin Boulevard in Westmoreland, submitted last year, was, he said, "still active", and Teresa from the city will solicit comments: "Give feedback to the OLCC," he suggested. We will attempt to confirm that the neighbor complaints about "Blush" are still active and relevant. Mat also said that Sean Murray has been trying for a "Good Neighbor Agreement" with the Acropolis, and will hold an open meeting with them at SMILE Station on April 26th, 6-7 pm.

Still an issue is the potential OLCC permit applied for by Casa Diablo, next door to the Acropolis. Johnny Zuke and Carol Lee, its owners, were present. Mat reported on the recent OLCC proceeding concerning this application: OLCC spent much time discussing possible restrictions, then asked the applicants and OLCC staff to meet with the neighbors and SMILE; OLCC offered a meeting venue at OLCC. Mat said he, Mr. Zuke, and Robert McCulloch of ENA, had a conversation about "where we're going with this". Such an OLCC-brokered meeting is likely in early May.

Renee Kimball, a Sellwood resident living near the Acropolis, said she favors granting the liquor license to Casa Diablo, and distributed a statement. She thinks the problems currently perceived by its neighbors at the Acropolis would best be controlled by "competition next door".

Stan Hoffman wondered aloud how such "vigorous competition" in other neighborhoods has worked out, in reducing community problems. Renee said she could not answer that question, since "Sellwood and its community are unique". She reminded of her efforts, and those of many neighbors, to get the Tacoma Street electronic sign removed, and also to discourage the rumored Wal-Mart story.

Pat Hainley suggested that there might not be much incentive for the Acropolis and Casa Diablo to spend much money on community safety in a competitive situation.



Stan Hoffman observed that much of the two venues' clientele most likely would come from outside the neighborhood, lessening the incentive to respond to the neighborhood which Renee was counting upon -- which caused Renee to respond that "nothing would prevent me from picketing Casa Diablo if necessary". A neighbor of Renee's then spoke against her position, mentioning as an example the noise already encountered by neighbors from departing patrons when the Acropolis closes.

President Mat Millenbach asked Johnny Zukle and Carol Lee if they wanted to say anything to all this. Lee demurred, citing a sore throat, but Zukle passed out a sheet listing the benefits he intends from the operation of the business. Stan Hoffman asked how Johnny would mitigate problems to the neighbors stemming from his operation; Zukle insisted that "there are no significant problems" at his Northwest location, despite police reports obtained by SMILE about problems at that location. He still maintains that the spot where he intends to open the Sellwood Casa Diablo is an "industrial area", even though it is virtually across the street from a large apartment complex, and is immediately adjacent to Johnson Creek Park. However, he said he would promise to work with the neighbors to mitigate any nuisances that might arise. He pointed out that departing patrons could not leave on Umatilla Street, since the parking lot opens on McLoughlin only to the southbound lanes -- departing patrons heading north would have to proceed south to Ochoco Street, and then turn around there and use the traffic light to go north on McLoughlin.

Millenbach then outlined the process before OLCC regarding restrictions requested by SMILE, and SMILE actions afterward. OLCC is likely to make its Casa Diablo decision in June. Any Good Neighbor Agreements would be "further down the road".

Nate Maki asked Zukle how Casa Diablo currently prevents "over-serving" alcohol. "There are no DUII issues" at his Northwest location, asserted Zukle. He went on to suggest that SMILE's proposed restrictions on his OLCC license would be "onerous and pointless" -- citing as an example the suggested restriction of "one drink per order" as simply making it difficult for one party of a couple to get drinks for both.

There being no other business on the agenda or offered by the Board, Tom Ramsay moved the meeting be adjourned, and Stan Hoffman seconded the motion -- which carried with apparent unanimity at 8:45 pm.